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~~Can~~ 75 Park Street, Baltimore,
Feb. 16th 1880.

W^r. George Engelmann,
St. Louis.

Dear Sir:

I enclose
a specimen of a Wolffia, that
I have collected from three lo-
calities in Florida in 1878 & 79.

By differences, such as Hegelmair
has used for specific characters,
it seems to be distinct from
anything he has described.

I have called it W. Floridana,
and have prepared some notes
in regard to it for publication
in the Bulletin.

M^r. Sereno Watson, in sending
me for comparison typical
specimens of W. gladiata, Hegelm.
added a few fronds of a spec-
imen received from you under
that name; collected by M^r.
Ravenel at Gainesville, Fla.,
Nov. 1877. This is the same as
the plant I collected subsequent-
ly.

If I supposed you had made



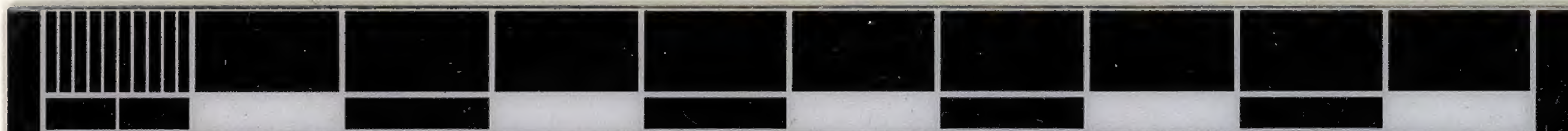
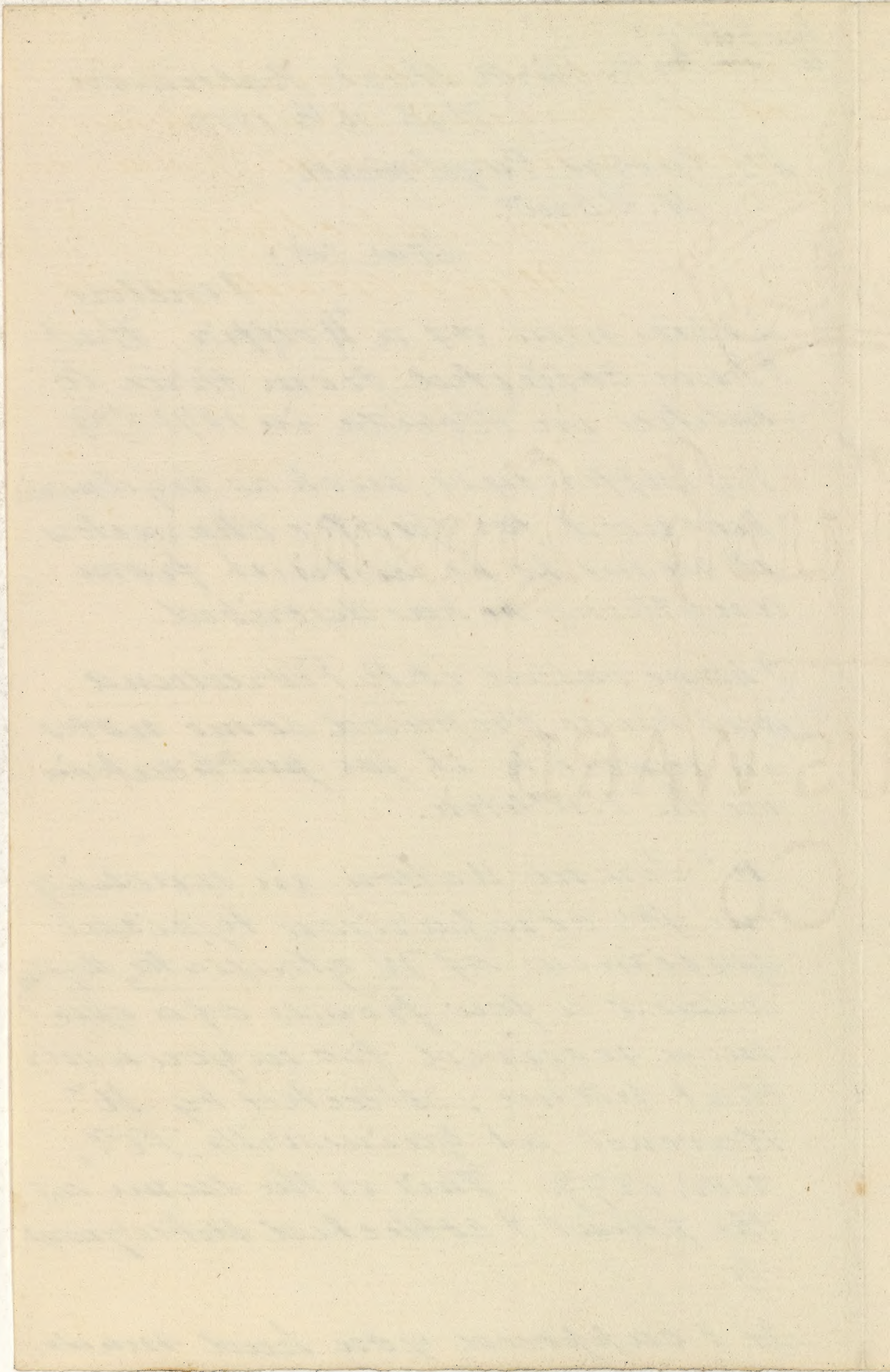
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a definitive determination
of M. Raveneli plant, I would
not venture to differ from you.

very respectfully yrs.

John Donnell Smith

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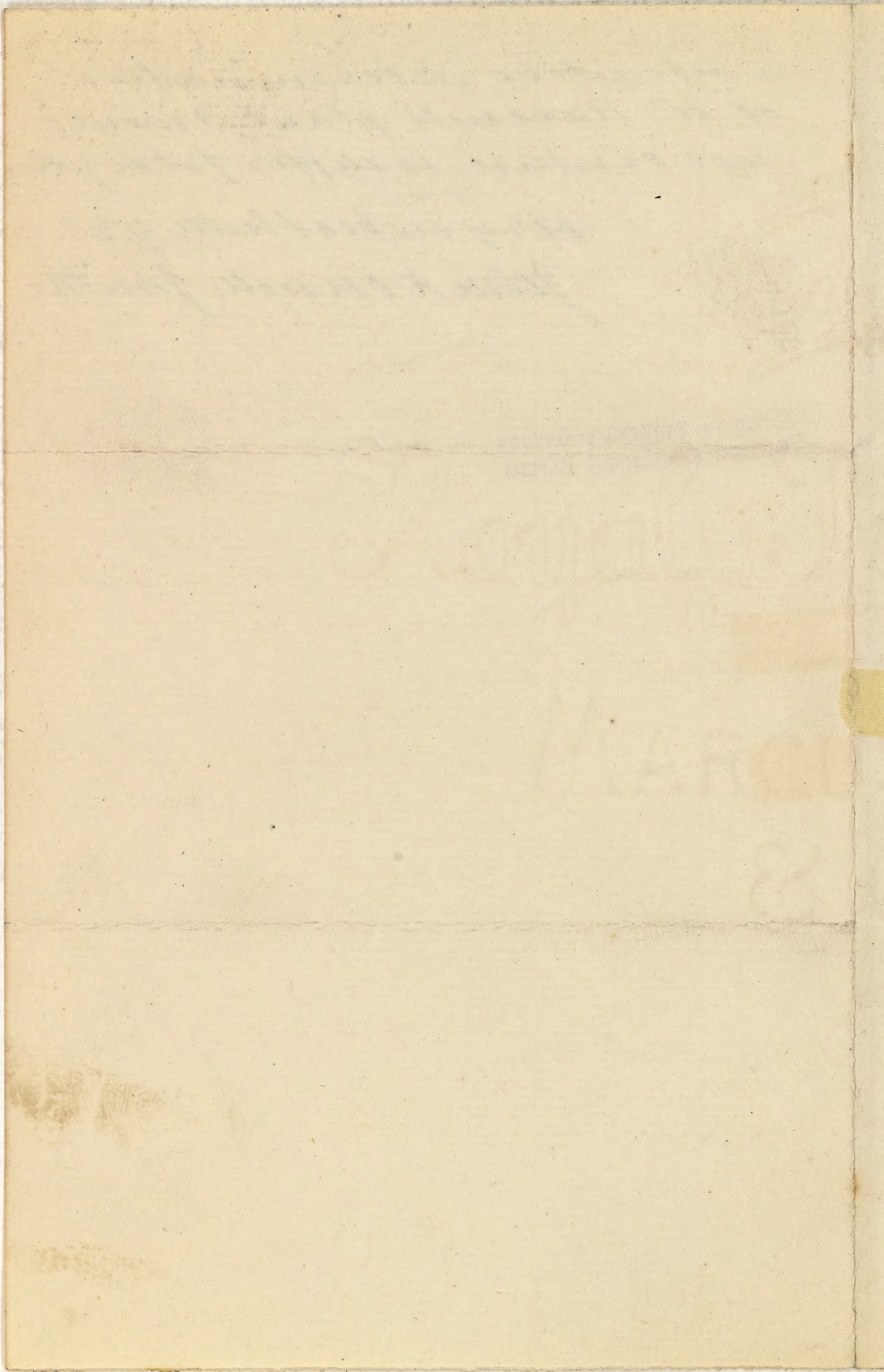
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Rec Feb 25

75 Park Street, Baltimore,
Feb. 26th 1880.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,
St. Louis.

Dear Sir:

Upon learning from you, that Hegelmeyer had pronounced *M. Raveneli* Florida Wolfiella to be W. gladiata, I concluded to follow your advice and submit my specimens also to that gentleman for his judgment.

I accordingly wrote at once to Mr. Leggett, withdrawing my Notes, in which I had described it as a new species. By some accident my letter was overlooked or mislaid by Mr. Leggett for several days; and the article had meantime been printed and the February number of the Bulletin made up. He begged me not to embarrass him by a change at the last hour.

I have stated all the circumstances to him, and that I must regret to have the Notes published, after I had such reason to believe I had erred in the matter; but added, that I had no right to dictate in the matter, as it involved a dis-



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No. 2112
 70 Park Street, Boston
 Feb. 24th 1880.
 Dr. Geo. Engelmann,
 St. Louis.

Dear Sir:
 Upon learning
 from you, that the *Asplenium* had
 been named by Dr. Ravenel's *Florida*
Wetlands to be *W. plantaginifolia*, I was
 able to follow your advice and
 submit my specimens also to that
 gentleman for his judgment.
 I accordingly wrote at once to
 Dr. Hillebrand, with enclosing my notes,
 in which I had described it as a new
 species. For some reason I did not
 think was overlooked or mentioned
 by Dr. Hillebrand for several days;
 and the article has meantime
 been printed and the *Asplenium*
 number of the *Botanical Record*.
 We hoped we had no comparison with
 my a change at the last hour.

I have stated all the circumstances
 to him, and that I must expect
 to have the *Asplenium* published after
 I had made arrangements to believe I had
 done in the matter; but when
 that I had no right to think in
 the matter, as it was a new species.

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ional expense & trouble.

I leave for Florida this afternoon,
and can give no further attention
to the subject.

I have thought it only due to my-
self to make this explanation.

I will forward my specimens
to Dr. Hegelmair; and if he
finds my diagnosis incorrect,
or that the plant should be regar-
ded only as a variety, I will
make a suitable acknowleg-
ment of my error in the Bul-
letin.

Yours Truly,

John Bonnell Smith



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I have thought it only due to my
 self to make this explanation
 I wish however my specimens
 to be kept separate; and if the
 fruit and seed are necessary
 as that the plant should be kept
 the only one in the collection
 make a suitable collection
 of any error in the
 letter.

Yours truly
 John Burroughs Smith

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Ans June 7 75 Park ave. Baltimore, Md.
Ans July 5

11 May, 1882.

Mrs. R. P. Studley Esq.

St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Sir:

I desire to complete my
set of Dr. Engelman's Botanical Publications.
I have already the following:

Revision of Genus Junceus, 1868.

Notes on Genus Yucca, April, 1873.

The Oaks of W.T. Mex. 20, 1876.

Revision of Genus Pinus, Feb. 1880.

I shall be glad to have sent me any of his
other Monographs, that you may be able
to furnish; at this moment it is only
the following that occur to me,

Notes on Agave

Cactaceae

Isaetes

Abies
Juniperus

Second publication on Oaks of U.S.

But doubtless there are others, and I wish
to purchase them all.

Respectfully

John Donnell Smith



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Rec July 12th

75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

Oakland, Garrett Co. Md.

10 July, 1882.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

I heard the pleasure of receiving yesterday your Postal of 5th, and at the same time the various publications on botanical subjects, which added to those already in my possession make nearly complete my set of your contributions to N. Amer. Botany.

I am as much gratified at your kind recollection of my wishes, as at having this opportunity for improving my acquaintance with several obscure or difficult groups of plants.

If I only knew of any way for serving you, it would give me great pleasure to do so. But my collections, chiefly in this State, the Carolina Mountains, and Florida, probably embrace nothing of interest for you. I beg however you

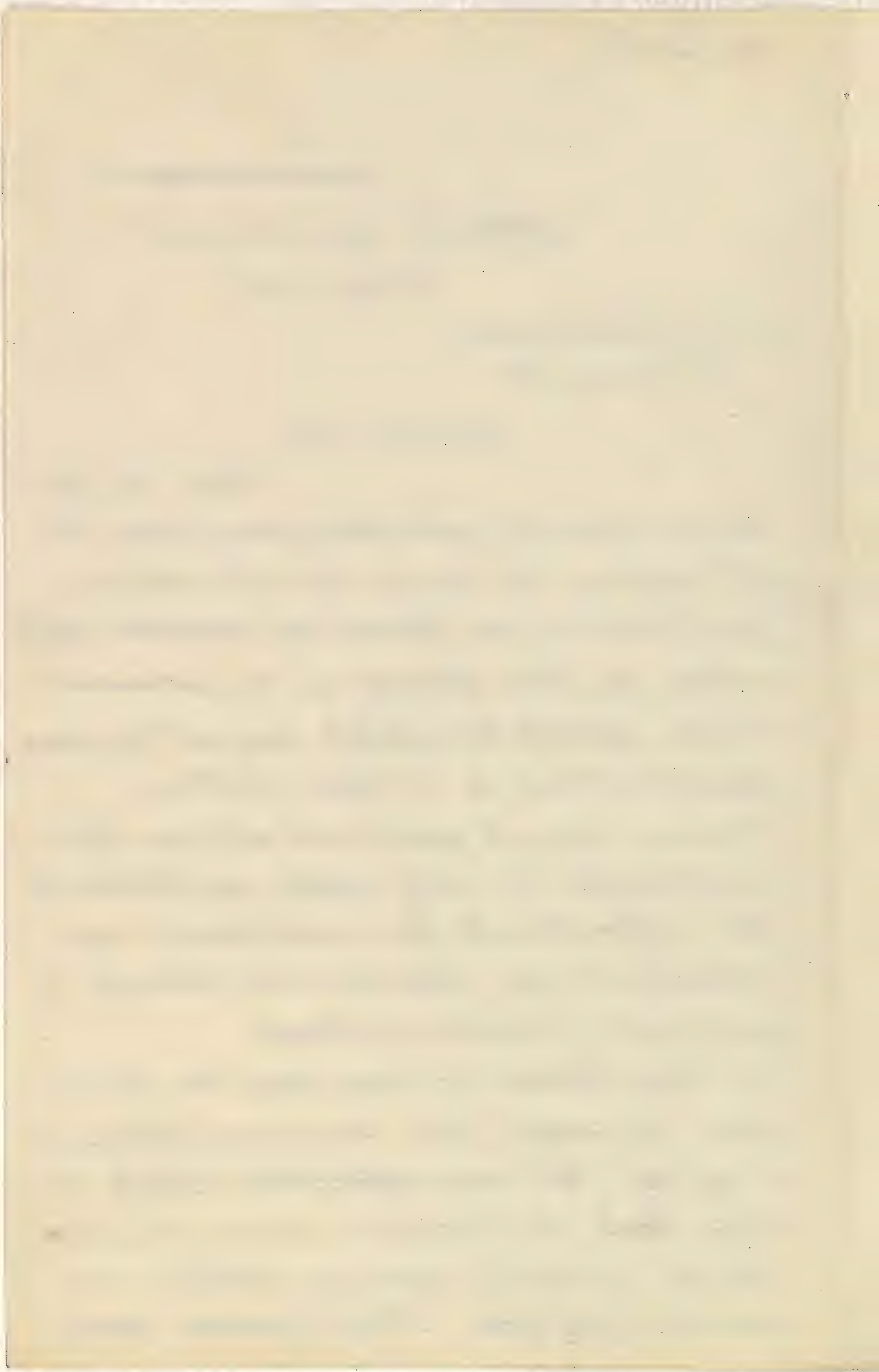


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will call upon me for anything that
it may be in my power to do.

I am now looking forward to a visit in
August to the south west corner of North
Carolina. I have a clue to Rhododendron
Vaseyi, Gr., and hope to get spec. in fruit,
and young plants for H. B. Green.

Very resp. truly yours,
John Downer Smith

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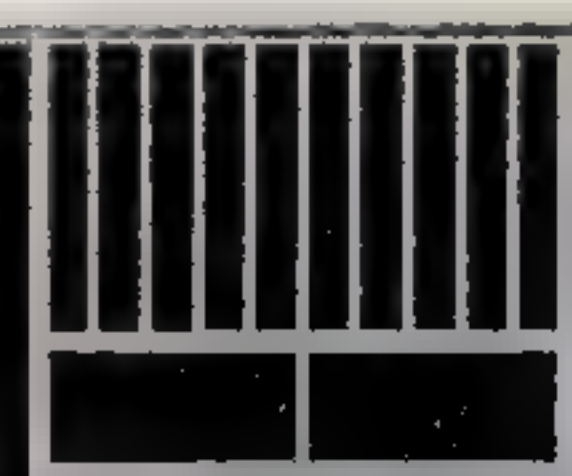
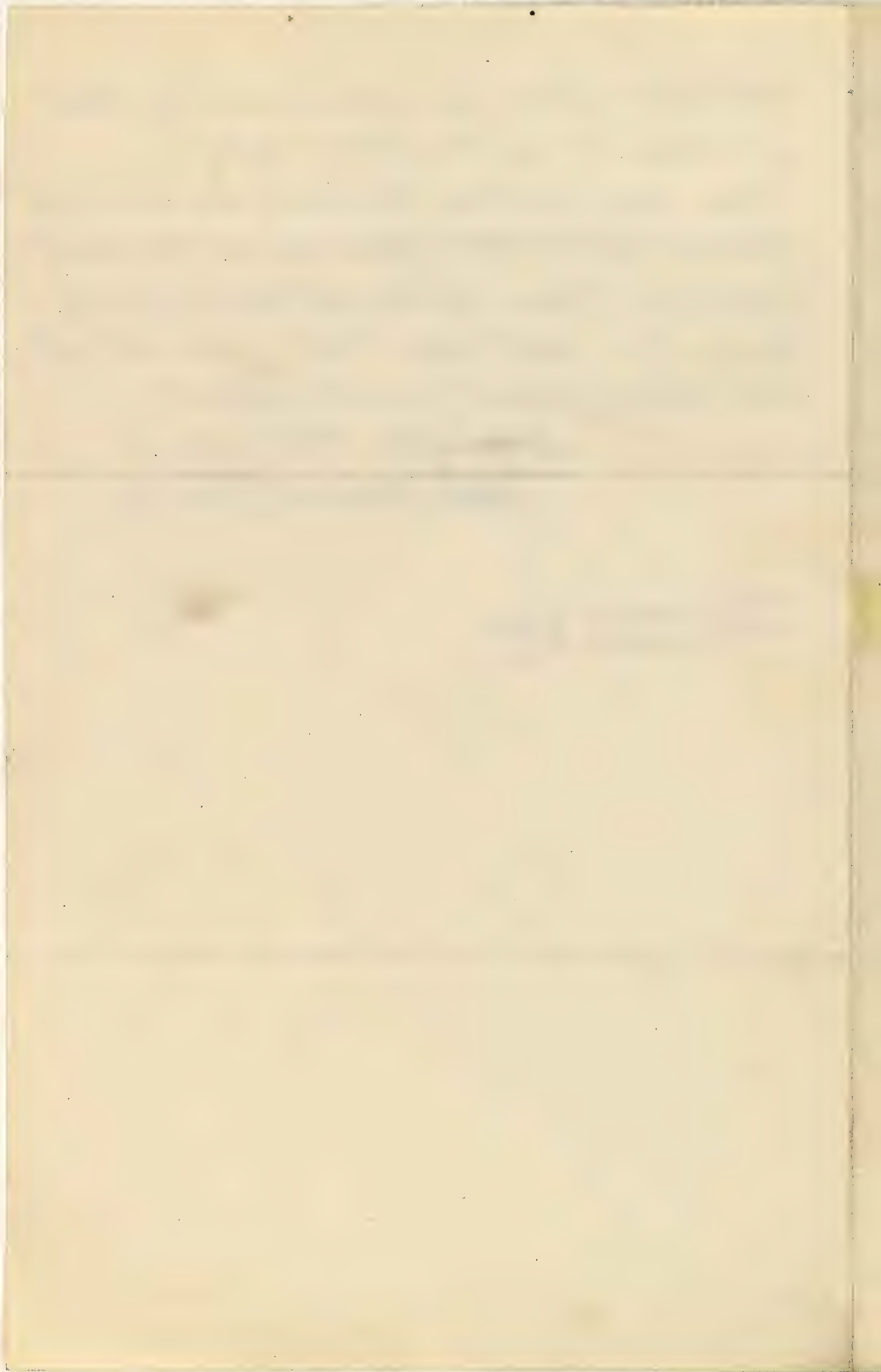
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Rec Oct. 21st
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75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

19 Oct. 1882.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Dr. Thomas F.

Wood, of Wilmington, N. C. is much inter-
ested in botanical matters, and has
asked me to try to get for him your
two pamphlets on N. Amer. Oaks.

It will gratify me very much, if you
will be able to send a copy of them either
to him, or to me for him.

During the past summer I collected some
plants of interest in Heywood, Macon and
Jackson Cos. N. Carolina; and it will
give me much pleasure to send you any
of them, that you may care for.

I enumerate a few, that seem most
likely to interest you.

Very respectfully yours,
John Donnell Smith



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Rec Nov 4
Ans - 7

75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

2 Nov. 1882.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Dr. Wood will
appreciate the pamphlet on the N. A. Oaks,
that you have had the kindness to send him.
Doubtless he will be most glad to serve you,
should you have any occasion for plants
from Wilmington, N.C.

I mail to you today the plants you have
selected; but I wish you had let me
hear from you before I had distribu-
-ted so many. I might have sent better
& fuller specimens of several.

I shall take it as a favor, if you will
let me hear of any corrections or observa-
-tions, that may occur to you in looking
over the plants.

Very sincerely yours,
John Donnell Smith



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Recd June 9th
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75 PARK AVE., BALTIMORE, MD.

6 June, 1883.

Dr. Geo. Engelmann,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

As complement

to the fruited specimens of *Rhododeu-*
-dron Saseyi that I sent you last
fall, I now mail to you flowered
spec. from the same locality.

I have quoted on the ticket (enclosed)
some remarks upon these flowers
that Mr. Canby has just written to
me, and which show some im-
portant changes to be made in



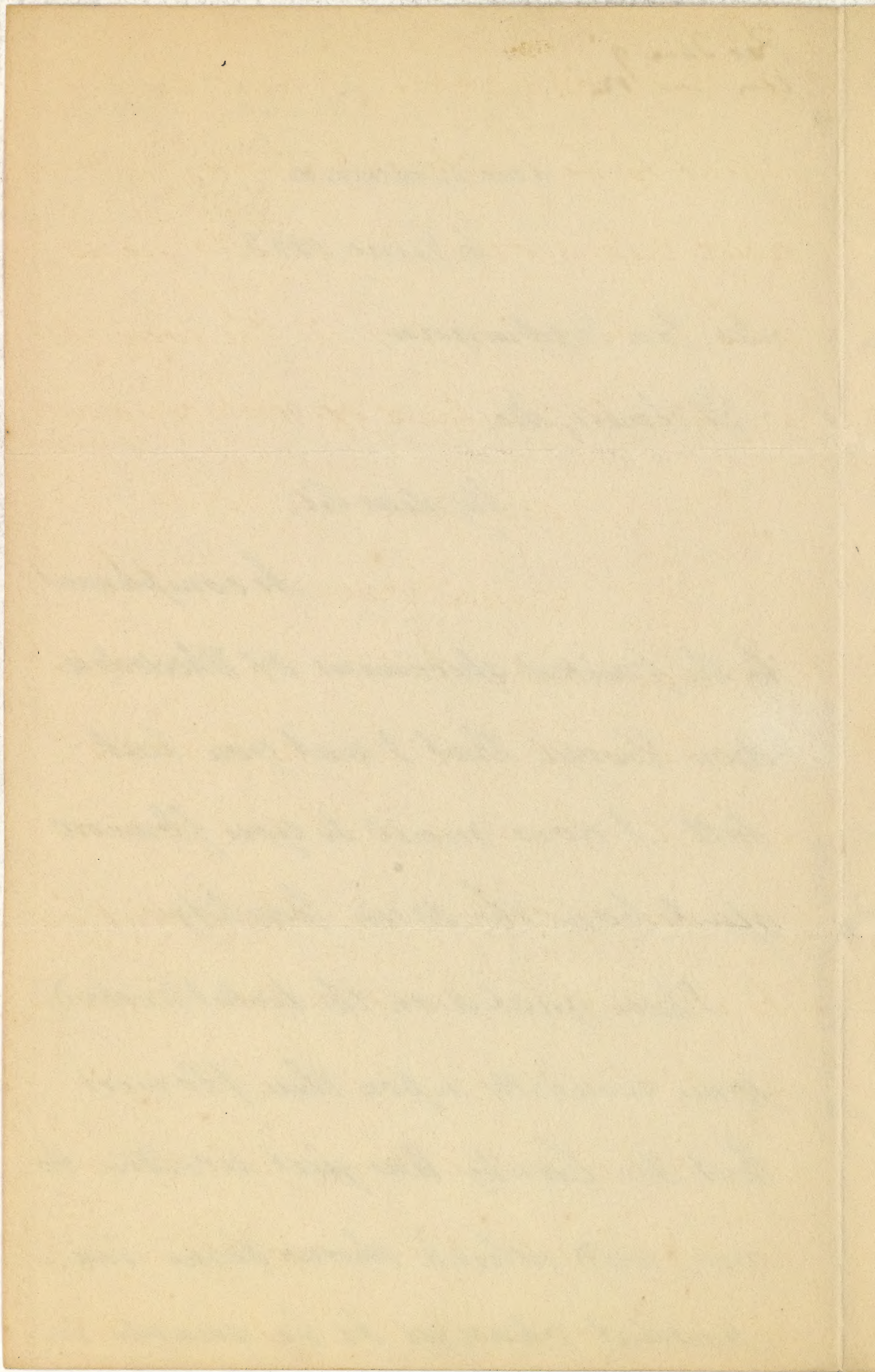
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Dr. Gray's characters. I find the sta-
mens to be uniformly seven, - 4 short
and 3 long ones. The corolla seems
also to be irregular in the way Mr.
C. describes, instead of "rotato-campylota."

very sincerely Yours,

John Donnell Smith

It is remarkable, that such a remarkable
shrub should have been so long over-
looked, - forming as it does gorgeous
masses of colour inviting attention
to its singular Rhododendron flowers on
an Azalea bush. I judge that its
habitat is restricted. Within ten miles
of Highlands it seems to occur only
at the above locality. Vasey's station



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is some 30 miles off, and I suspect it
is not correctly given on the ticket
with his specimens. There is no "Baham
Mt." within ten miles of the spot where
he says he collected it.

I think you have never visited that
table-land region, they now call High-
land. It lies about six miles N.W.
from the point where the two Carolinas
and Georgia come together. Its general
elevation is about 4000'; the mountains
like Whitesides, Stoolie & others rising
to 5000', and the valleys like Horse-cove,
Cashiers &c lying about a thousand
feet lower. It seemed to me the
place of greatest botanical interest in
the Southern Appalachians.

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